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1. DURING MEETING JUNE 24, CHARGE' TOLD MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$6 MILLION CONTRIBUTION BY USG TO UNRWA HAD BEEN APPROVED. IN VIEW OF UNRWA'S CONTINUING AND INCREASINGLY SERIOUS DEFICIT, WOULD SAUDI ARABIA BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD REDUCING UNRWA'S EXPECTED DEFICIT THIS YEAR OF ABOUT \$30 MILLION?

2. PRINCE REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM UNRWA OFFICIALS THAT WESTERN POWERS WOULD TRY TO
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COVER ABOUT HALF OF \$24 MILLION DEFICIT REMAINING

AFTER U.S. CONTRIBUTION HAD BEEN REGISTERED, AND THAT ARAB STATES WOULD BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE THE REMAINDER. SAUD SAID THAT IT WAS SAG'S POLICY HOWEVER, THAT UNRWA COSTS SHOULD BE BORNE BY THOSE STATES THAT HAD VOTED FOR THE PARTITION RESOLUTION AND HENCE BORE THE CHIEF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING CREATED THE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

3. CHARGE' SAID THIS WAS NOT A POSITION THAT COULD EASILY BE JUSTIFIED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. HE BELIEVED ALL POTENTIAL DONORS SHOULD DO MUCH MORE THAN THEY WERE NOW DOING TO ALLEVIATE THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES, BUT AFTER HAVING HIMSELF DEALT CLOSELY WITH REFUGEE AFFAIRS IN JORDAN IT STRUCK HIM AS CYNICAL AND HEARTLESS OF THE POL TO MAINTAIN WITH ARAB GOVERNMENTS THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE TO BE LEFT IN THE LAPS OF WESTERN CONTRIBUTORS. AS A RESULT OF PLO LEADERS' INSUFFICIENT SENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THEIR OWN KIND, EACH YEAR SAW RENEWED MEAN-SPIRITED DEBATES OF LEVELS OF BLANKETS, MILK AND GASOLINE RATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN CAMPS GREW NO BETTER.

4. PRINCE SAUD REPLIED, THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT UNFORTUNATELY TO RESPOND TO UNRWA'S APPEAL ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS. THE PALESTINIANS DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP THEMSELVES, AND THEIR LEADERS, HE ASSURED THE CHARGE', WERE STILL OPPOSED TO BROADENING REFUGGEE ASSISTANCE BASE. HE COULD NOT THEREFORE OFFER MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT. HORAN

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